

426 If a debtor is unable to pay, the creditor duns his friends,
672 who must pay and rarely refuse to do so. Occasionally, the
debts of friends must be paid years after they were contracted,
even after the death of the debtor, if only the debt can be proven.

685 A purchaser, dissatisfied with what he has bought or the
price paid, is allowed to return what he has purchased and re-
cover what was paid. One who has done an injury, killed a
hog or chicken or occasioned loss in some other way, and obsti-
nately refuses to make good the injury, cannot be touched. His
friends may make good the loss. Should the offender, in the
long run, not heed the admonitions of his friends, they will drive
him away.

721 Hence, it is that in wars with whites practically all the
tribes have been involved more or less. If the nation, as such,
has taken no part in the war, these unmanageable offenders
have gone with the fighting peoples, despite the warnings and
threats of the chiefs. The same is true of the present con-
flict.²³⁸ The Delaware chiefs had determined at its beginning
to remain neutral, daily admonishing their people not to allow
themselves to be persuaded to go into the war. The nation as
such remained true to the determination of the chiefs, being con-
stantly and earnestly watched, but obstinate offenders took part
against all order and command.

619 Though the Indians are a free people and not subject to
the rule of any one, each nation, considering itself a unit, has a
kind of government of its own choosing, imperfect as it may be.
This holds good of all the North American nations. A nation
is constituted of three principal Tribes, the first or leading tribe
is called *Packoango*, i. e., the tribe of the great Tortoise, the
second, *Blen*, the Turkey Tribe, the third, *Ptucksit*, the Wolf
622 Tribe. Each of the tribes has its chief and each chief his coun-
623 sellors. The chief of the Tortoise Tribe is the first in rank and,
together with the other two chiefs, deals with all matters of
national interest, particularly, such as have reference to nations
with whom, according to treaty, friendly relations are to be
cultivated. A chief may not presume to rule over the people,
as in that case he would immediately be forsaken by the whole
tribe, and his counsellors would refuse to assist him. He must

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237. War chief chosen through vision power.....				+	+				+	+	+	+
238. Body of counselors †.....	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
239. Name "upwaenowuk".....								(+)	+	+	+	+
240. Chosen by people.....						+	+	+	+	+	+	+
241. Consider all matters of importance to tribe.....		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
242. Counselors and chiefs only present at council meetings.....		s?		s	s	+	+	+	+	+	s	s
243. All adults except women admitted.....				s				+	+	+	s	s
<i>Justice</i>												
244. Any mode of compelling payment of debt.....				+		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
245. Relatives of debtor make restitution.....				+	+		s	+	+	+	+	+
246. Creditor uses force.....							s	+	+	+	+	+
247. Redress for civil injuries (theft).....	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
248. Injured party applies to chief.....		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
249. Any punishment inflicted by nation if restitution is made.....		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
250. Injured party has right to kill thief on second offense.....		-		-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
251. Murder punished.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
252. By nation.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
253. Breach closed by presents.....		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
254. Amount of wampum as presents †.....				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
255. Lacking presents, revenge by relatives.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
256. Revenge duty of any individual.....		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
257. Any one interfere from duty.....		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
258. Guilty submits.....	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
259. Feud arise from revenge.....		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
260. Revenge approved by nation.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
261. Crimes. Theft.....	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
262. Rape.....	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
263. Adultery.....	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
264. Desertion of children.....								+	+	+	+	+
265. Drunkenness and slander.....	+							+	+	+	+	+

+ = element present
- = element denied
(+) or (-) = source ambiguous
• = informant could not or would not say
s = some, sometimes, or several
† or * = see Ethnographic Notes, pp. 79-137
for additional information

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